

AUSTRO-GERMAN FORCES HURLED BACK

WILSON WILL MAKE A TOUR OVER NATION

President Practically Decided Upon Cross-Country Speaking Trip.

URGED BY ADVISORS

Has Been Withholding Decision Awaiting More Progress in Congress.

Washington, Aug. 11.—President Wilson practically has decided to make a speaking trip across the continent. No details of the tour have been arranged but it is understood today that his itinerary will be worked out within the next few weeks.

The president's advisers have been urging him to make a number of speeches but he has been withholding a decision until the work of congress had progressed further. If present plans are carried out the president will go to the Pacific coast.

Senator Phelan today invited the president to speak in California some time during the campaign but was told no definite plans could be taken up for at least two weeks.

One of the suggestions for the proposed trip is for the president to review some of the troops on the border, but no decision on that has been reached.

Invitations from cities in all parts of the country are before the president but none will be accepted until they have been gone over carefully by Vance McCormick, chairman of the democratic national committee and other democratic leaders. The possibility that congress will adjourn after Sept. 1 is preventing the president from making any definite campaign plans. He wants to make no long trips from Washington until after adjournment, although he has accepted an invitation for a brief visit to St. Louis, Sept. 28.

NEW PROBLEM IN DEATH MYSTERY

No Trace of the Poison That Caused Death of Engineer Found in Stomach of His Wife.

Chicago, Aug. 11.—A new element was present today in the mystery surrounding the death of a Michigan engineer last Wednesday of Morse Davis, a mining engineer of Vancouver, B. C. It was the announcement made last night that Dr. William D. McNally, coroner's chemist, in a chemical analysis of the contents pumped from the stomach of Mrs. Davis, who was found unconscious at the time of her husband's death, had no poison of the kind believed to have killed Davis.

The chemist said he would make tests today for other poisons.

Mrs. Davis, after she regained consciousness, was quoted as saying that a chemical which her husband used in his professional work must have gotten mixed with some food which she and her husband took for illness.

DEMAND A QUICK REPORT OF CASES

Chicago Physicians Who Fail to Promptly Turn in Data on Plague Victims to Be Prosecuted.

Chicago, Aug. 11.—Chicago physicians who fail promptly to report cases of infantile paralysis are likely to find themselves defendants in damage suits, as a part of the plan of Dr. John Dill Robertson, health commissioner, to keep the disease under control. The commissioner announced that he would take prompt steps against one physician who, he claims, failed to report a case which has been developing since Aug. 1.

Four new cases of the disease were reported yesterday, making 46 in Chicago. One child died and another was discharged from a hospital as cured.

Every effort to prevent the spread of the disease through the schools when they open in September is to be taken by the board of education. All children who have spent any part of the summer in New York or other localities where the disease has obtained a foothold, will be subjected to a special examination.

Russ Troops Drive Enemy Before Them

Berlin, Aug. 11. (via London, 5:35 p. m.)—Austro-German troops in the region of Monasterzyska, at points on the Dniester and in the Bystritsa river regions of Galicia have been compelled to give way because of the superiority of hostile forces at some places, says today's war office statement. Counter attacks brought the engagements to a standstill and a regrouping of the Teutonic forces is now taking place.

Petrograd, Aug. 11. (via London, 5:25 p. m.)—The Russians are advancing on the Sereth river in Galicia, the war office announced today. They have also entered the town of Monasterzyska, northwest of Stanislaw.

The Russians have reached the Dniester south of Mariampol, eight miles southeast of the important town of Holica. They have also advanced to the right bank of the Bystritsa river, a branch of the Dniester, which joins that river near Mariampol.

Importance of Victory Grows.

Rome, Thursday, Aug. 11.—The importance of the Italian successes around Gorizia is becoming more evident hourly. The battle is continuing behind the city over a front of about 12 miles long. The Austrians have retreated along the railroad in the direction of Dornberg, eight miles southeast of Gorizia, and over the national highway to Schon pass, six miles east, and are now attempting to reform their front on a line from Viacco to Tarnova.

Meanwhile the Austrians are attempting to take the offensive at Monte Nero and other points on the Italian front, but thus far have been unable to divert the Italians from their operations behind Gorizia.

For many enthusiasts at high pitch throughout Italy. Congratulations are pouring in from all parts of the world to King Victor Emmanuel and General Cadorna. The king and the commander-in-chief have been particularly pleased by messages from Italians in the United States.

The third army under command of the duke of Austria has won high praise as well as much sympathy on account of its losses. The duke, before the battle began, called on his army to fight and win "in the name of your mothers, your wives, your sisters and your country."

Writers Describe Battle.

Paris, Aug. 11.—"Entering Gorizia by the Leone, the sight that meets the eye is most striking," telegraphs the Petit Parisien's correspondent on the Isonzo front. "It was here that a furious battle was fought for possession of the city. The houses are half destroyed by shells or riddled with bullets."

"The ground is strewn with bodies, uniforms, helmets and rifles. The artillery duel continued above our heads and enemy aeroplanes whirled across the sky, shot at by our gunners, while in the distance could be heard the furious clacking of machine guns."

"The spectacle before us was superb. Over an iron bridge our batteries passed at a trot. The Austrian artillery sent towards them whirlwinds of shells, the smoke from which completely blotted out our columns from time to time. When the smoke blew away one could see the batteries still proceeding on their triumphant way. The men of the line regiments yelled, wept and clapped their hands in their enthusiasm. Some of the gunners fell wounded, but the bridge was passed and our guns began to get near the enemy."

City Life Is Normal.

"As soon as one passed the first houses and got into the city the aspect of things changed completely. Normal life was resumed, and if it had not been for the echoes of the struggle, one would not have known that a battle was in progress nearby."

"In the Corso, one of the principal streets, a big cafe was open, filled with officers, soldiers and civilians, the troops and citizens fraternizing freely in their joy. Our flags floated from the windows of all the houses."

"The population has almost all returned. The Austrians forced the inhabitants to leave the city itself, but they remained scattered throughout the environs of the place awaiting the retreat of the enemy to make their way back."

Wants to Keep First Submarine.

New York, Aug. 11.—Dr. Peter J. Gibbons, who has purchased the first submarine built from the plans of James Holland, offered to give the ancient craft to the city, historical society or museum that could show the best right to it and that would guarantee to preserve it.

"We bought it because we did not want to see it lost as was Wright's first aeroplane, Fulton's steamboat and the steamboat built by Gibbons in Philadelphia 31 years before Fulton built his," said Dr. Gibbons.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity

Fair tonight and probably Saturday; cooler tonight.

Highest temperature yesterday, 96; lowest last night 71; at 7 a. m. today 79.

Precipitation in last 24 hours, .85 inches.

Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., four miles an hour.

Humidity at 7 p. m., 83; at 7 a. m., 91; at 1 o'clock today 91.

Stage of water, 6.3 feet with a fall of 2 of a foot in the last 24 hours.

J. M. SHEPHERD, Local Forecaster.

RUSSIANS THREATEN LEMBERG IN THEIR GREAT ADVANCE



Busy scene in one of the principal squares of Lemberg, Austrian soldiers in the crowd.

The Russians are well advanced in the campaign against the two important centers of Kovel and Lemberg. The Germans are exclusively occupied with the defense of Kovel, while von Boehm-Ermolli's Austrian army has been striving to protect the roads to Lemberg. Recent dispatches from Petrograd state that the Russian forces expect to capture both these important cities this month.

Aid Parties Scour Hills to Give Help

Huntington, W. Va., Aug. 11.—Rescue parties proceeded far into the mountain districts today carrying relief to thousands of homeless people in the Cabin creek valley which was swept by a flood Wednesday, causing a loss of more than 60 lives and property damage reaching into the millions. Progress was slow as many bridges have been washed out and roads are blocked by slides.

Scores of men have begun cleaning up the debris to prevent an epidemic and to open roads so that supplies can be transported to stricken towns.

The known dead by towns follows: Ferndale 18; Dry Branch 2; Hurricane 1; Oakley 3; Eskdale 3; Leewood 1; Cherokee 3; Acme 1; Oakley 6; Brownland 1; Red Warrior 1. Scores of others are missing and are believed dead.

QUEER WIRELESS CALL IS PUZZLE

Message From Vessel Believed Off Sandy Hook Refuses to Divulge Identity—Is Sub Belief.

New York, Aug. 11.—Wireless observers were puzzled early today by signals received from an unidentified vessel apparently somewhere off Sandy Hook which was calling the "Telefunken" wireless station in this city. The fact that the stranger refused to disclose the identity of the vessel led some of the wireless operators to believe they were at last in communication with the German submarine Bremen. Sandy Hook observers trained their marine glasses seaward at daybreak but no submarine was in sight. The mysterious signals had ceased.

While in communication with shore stations a few hours earlier the vessel reported herself only as a collier and the wireless operator on board signed his calls "D. H. U." which is the private wireless signal of the North German Lloyd steamer Breslau, last reported as tied up in New Orleans for the period of the war.

TO "TELL" FAIRBANKS AT HIS RESIDENCE

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 11.—The notification ceremonies at which Charles W. Fairbanks will be told officially of his nomination as the republican candidate for vice president, will be held at his residence at 2 o'clock on the afternoon of Aug. 31, it was announced today. The ceremonies will be under the auspices of the national committee on notification.

Lawrence Y. Sherman, United States senator from Illinois, chairman of the ceremonies, will be the principal speaker at a rally at 8 o'clock in the evening following the notification. A parade will precede the rally.

DAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE.

Met at 11 a. m.

Senator Jones resumed speech in opposition to government ship-bill.

Finance committee democrats continued consideration of revenue bill.

HOUSE.

Met at noon.

Received conference report on naval appropriation bill with disarrangements on personnel and construction features.

BRITISH WAR VESSELS ARE AIR TARGETS

Berlin Reports Successful Attack Upon Enemy Fleet Off Flemish Coast.

Berlin, Aug. 11.—(via London 1:07 p. m.)—Successful attacks by German air squadrons on British war vessels off the Flemish coast and on Russian aviation sections on the island of Oesel off the Gulf of Riga, are announced in admiralty statement today.

"A squadron of our seaplanes on August 9 successfully attacked with bombs British monitors and light forces off the Flemish coast, obtaining several definitely established hits."

"On the same day the Russian aeroplane stations at Aensburg and Lohara, on the island of Oesel, were attacked by several German air squadrons with good results. An aeroplane shelter building was badly damaged, the roof collapsing. One of the enemy planes was obliged to descend."

"Despite the heavy fire of the British and Russian forces all the aeroplanes returned undamaged."

Flour Hits High Mark.

New York, Aug. 11.—Flour sold in the New York markets today at \$5 to \$9 a barrel, an advance of seventy to eighty cents a barrel, as a result of an increased price in wheat. The price of bread here has not yet been increased.

Latest Bulletins

Crosby, Minn., Aug. 11.—Rioting broke out on the Cuyunna Range today. Working miners were badly beaten up by I. W. W. pickets and when deputies arrived they were met by a hail of bullets. The deputies retired and obtained reinforcements. Returning they fired upon the pickets but no one was killed so far as is known.

Washington, Aug. 11.—Turkey has refused to grant the request of the United States that a neutral committee be permitted to undertake relief work in Syria, where thousands of native Christians are reported to be starving.

Washington, Aug. 11.—A ten per cent net profit tax on manufacturers of munitions of war was agreed upon today by democrats of the senate finance sub-committee as a substitute for the munitions taxes proposed in the house revenue bill.

Wilmington, Del., Aug. 11.—An explosion which blew out a cylinder on a rehydrating press at the Du Pont powder company's plant at Carney's Point, N. J., today killed three workmen and injured two others.

Galeston, Tex., Aug. 11.—The British steamship Normandy which arrived here today from Genoa, reports having rescued 29 members of the crew of the Italian steamship Angelo which had been sunk in the Mediterranean sea and landing them at Algiers. The Normandy also brought a report of a German submarine described as having two conning towers. The dates of these occurrences were not supplied.

English Get Protests on U.S. Shipping

London, Thursday, Aug. 11.—American shippers to Holland are bombarding the British government with protests as a result of detentions of cargoes consigned to the Netherlands Overseas trust. It is understood here their protests may be backed by diplomatic action at Washington.

In April, last year, replying to a protest from Washington over the detention of the American steamship Securitas, the foreign office made the following promise:

"While his majesty's government does not require cargoes to be consigned to the Netherlands Overseas trust, they do accept a consignment in that form as proof that the cargo is intended for a bona fide consumption in Holland." This was widely circulated in the United States.

In the last two months between 35 and 40 consignments to the Netherlands Overseas trust have been held up, some in bonded warehouses in Holland, awaiting action, while others have actually been placed in prize courts. American shippers complain that the British government has not adhered to its pledge and it is expected they will seek the assistance of the state department.

DECREE REVIVES COAL INDUSTRY

Final Action of Commission On Rate to Kansas City Sets Illinois Mining Camps Buzzing.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 11.—With the announcement that the interstate commerce commission has refused to suspend a new low rate for coal shipments from central Illinois to Kansas City, Mo., recently published by the Chicago and Alton railroad, coal operators of Sangamon and adjoining counties are preparing for a revival of the coal industry which has been at low ebb for more than a year in this locality.

When the Alton on July announced a rate of \$1.25 a ton on coal from central Illinois points to Kansas City, operators of the latter city immediately filed a protest with the interstate commerce commission. After a four day's hearing, attended by operators from Springfield and Kansas City, and after Senator Stone and Governor Major of Missouri had exerted their influence to have the rate suspended, the commission declined to take any action. Springfield operators, returning today from the hearing, declared the rate would become effective Aug. 24 without further opposition.

The rate formerly was \$1.90 a ton on fine coal, but there was no traffic, the rate being too high to make shipments to Kansas City profitable.

At the same time the James S. Peabody coal interests, which own many mines in central Illinois, announce the reopening of many of their properties which have been closed for months.

Mining towns depopulated during the shutdown, are buzzing with preparations for the return of their populations and consequent new business.

Rear Admiral Howard Retired.

Washington, Aug. 11.—Rear Admiral Thomas Benton Howard was placed on the retired list today on account of age. He was born in Illinois and had 24 years' sea service. His last duty was president of the naval examining and retiring board.

FRENCH GUNS OPEN HEAVY BOMBARDMENT OF GERMAN LINES NORTH OF SOMME

Deadlock in Rail Case Is Still Grave

New York, Aug. 11.—After deliberating the greater part of the night, Commissioners William A. Chambers, Martin A. Knapp and G. W. W. Hanger, of the United States board of mediation and conciliation, were today no nearer a solution of the "deadlock" in the dispute between the four railroad brotherhoods of the country and their employers than they were yesterday.

Efforts of the mediators to avert a nation wide strike were virtually at a halt because, it was reported, the railroads refuse to grant any concessions than arbitration, while the men insist upon the unequivocal granting of an eight hour day and time and a half overtime.

A formal request for a 24 hour delay in the negotiations was made by the federal board to the union men today when they assembled to receive the mediators. It was reported that the board, unless there was an unexpected change in the situation in that time, was prepared to suggest to President Wilson that he intervene.

WHEAT INQUIRY NOT PROBABLE, BELIEF

Chicago, Aug. 11.—No federal investigation here of the sudden rise in wheat prices is probable but United States District Attorney Clyne will keep a watch on activities of speculators on the market to prevent unlawful manipulation.

This was the statement today of Mr. Clyne in denying rumors that a federal investigation already had begun.

Mr. Clyne said the sudden price advance appeared to have been the result of a natural shortage and not due to any illegal combination of operators.

RABBITS LOOK OUT HE'S A CITIZEN NOW

Chicago, Aug. 11.—John Hadnirhar, an Austrian, applied for citizenship papers under the American flag yesterday so he could hunt rabbits.

"I'm going on my vacation and want to hunt rabbits," he told the naturalization clerk. "I can't hunt without a license. I can't get a license unless I have my first papers. Give me papers so I can hunt rabbits."

THE WAR TODAY

With rapid strides the Russians are forcing their way along the Dniester in Galicia in the direction of Halicz, one of the main outlying defenses of Lemberg on the south.

General Letchitzky's army has already reached the Dniester to the south of Mariampol, a few only eight miles southeast of Halicz. Likewise they are pressing toward Halicz further north, entering the town of Monasterzyska on the Stanislaw-Buczacz railroad, directly east of Halicz.

Spreading out in a fan like formation from Gorizia, the Italians are pressing the Austrians to the east and southeast along a 12-mile front. The principal thrust is apparently directed southeast towards Trieste.

British pressure on the Somme front is being continuously exerted against the Germans in the Bazentin-Le Petit and Pozieres regions and General Haig's forces have made additional progress north of both these places, London announces.

The French in the Somme region are evidently preparing for a new offensive movement as they are pouring a destructive fire upon the German trenches north of the river.

French and British western front operations have been hampered by bad weather, but the Italians and Russians continue to make gains in Austria and Galicia.

After capturing Gorizia, the Italians have taken important positions east and south of that place, giving them a free hand in the Dohbergo plateau region and the Monfalcone sector.

Vienna claims that 4,100 Italian troops were taken prisoner in the fighting around Gorizia. The Russians have pushed forward in their endeavor to capture the central portion of the railroad running from Kolomea to Lemberg. The Russians have captured Krypin on the Stanislaw-Nadvornik railroad.

Berlin says new positions have been occupied by the Teutonic allies south of the Dniester. Russian attacks along the Strumen and Strokhod rivers were repulsed. Another big battle is in progress near Brody in northern Galicia.

The Russians and Turks are still fighting hard around Mush and Bidli, in Turkish Armenia.

A squadron of 21 Austrian aeroplanes has dropped bombs on Venice, causing many fires.

Prisoners and War Materials Taken From Teutons, Paris Claims.

BRITONS PROGRESSING

London Reports Further Gains for Soldiers Close to Pozieres.

Paris, Aug. 11. (1:50 p. m.)—An attack by Anglo-French forces on the Bulgarians at Doiran, 40 miles northwest of Saloniki, is reported in a Havas dispatch from Saloniki. The allies occupied the Doiran railway station and a neighboring hill.

London, Aug. 11. (3:15 p. m.)—North of Bazentin-Le Petit and northwest of Pozieres, on the Somme front, the British have made further progress, it was announced officially here today.

Paris, Aug. 11. (Noon.)—The French have opened a heavy bombardment of German positions north of the Somme, the war office announced today.

On the left bank of the Meuse the French took some prisoners in a raid on German trenches east of Hill 304, says the statement. On the right bank of the Meuse there was skirmishing with grenades about the Thiaumont work. On the rest of the front cannonading was intermittent.

French Report.

The statement follows:

"North of the Somme our artillery directed a destructive fire against the defenses of the enemy. We took prisoners and captured two machine guns in the small wood north of Hardecourt."

"On the left bank of the Meuse (Verdun front), we made a surprise attack on a German trench east of Hill 304 and brought back prisoners. On the right bank of the river there was the usual artillery fighting, as well as skirmishing with grenades northwest of Thiaumont work. On the remainder of the front intermittent artillery fighting occurred."

"On the night of Aug. 9-10, French aerial squadrons bombarded the railway station and barracks at Vouziers and the station at Bazancourt."

ITALY MAIL SHIP SUB VICTIM, CLAIM

Report From Vienna Says Steamer Letimbro Is Sunk in Fight With Undersea Craft.

Amsterdam, Aug. 1.—(via London, 12:15 p. m.)—A semi-official account of the sinking by a submarine recently of the Italian mail steamship Letimbro, received here today from Vienna, says the Italians fired on the submarine with two guns and that there were troops on board.

"After the submarine had fired a warning shot at a distance of 8,000 metres," the statement says, "the vessel opened fire from two guns at the stern and attempted to escape by zig-zagging. The submarine pursued the steamship replying to the fire without hitting the vessel which had shown no flag."

"Later boats were lowered from the steamer. After ascertaining that no one remained on board, the steamship was sunk by the submarine."

"Approaching the boats the submarine ascertained that of 39 persons in one boat, 20 were in khaki, which confirmed the suspicion of the submarine commander that he had before him a vessel with troops aboard."

CARRANZA TO RETURN ALL PROPERTY HELD

Paris, Aug. 11.—Confirmation was given today by Juan Azcona, financial agent in Paris of the Carranza regime, of a Mexico City dispatch in the Figaro saying the Mexican government has decided to return sequestered properties taken from supporters of previous governments, subject to any civil responsibilities, which may have been incurred.

The dispatch says this will tend to unite the various elements in Mexico for the restoration of normal conditions.

Blinded By Lightning Stroke.

Burlington, Iowa, Aug. 11.—Miss Belma Tindall, living near Morning Sun, was rendered blind by a stroke of lightning which struck a house wherein the young woman was lying in bed by an opened window.

She was rendered unconscious for an hour and when restored, discovered she could not see. Doctors are of the opinion that the blindness is temporary.